

## REMARKS

Claim 21 has been cancelled. Claims 1-20 and 22-26 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 and 22-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shkedy (U.S. Patent No. 6,260,024) in view of Chinnapan (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/011187[0]), in view of Riordan (U.S. Patent No. 6,078,891), and further in view of Issa (U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0093355). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As the Examiner has acknowledged, Shkedy, Chinnapan, and Riordan each fail to disclose “generating, in response to the receipt of at least one of the orders, a generic specification for at least one component,” as recited in Claim 1. However, the Examiner has suggested that Issa teaches this limitation. Issa describes a system that includes “a list of items (a list of goods/products/services) to be auctioned through the site.” (Issa at [0109]). In Issa, “sellers individually request approval from the site administrator to sell one or more items **present on the list of items**, thus establishing a **list of sellers for each particular item.**” (Issa at [0122]). Buyers then place “one conditional order per item that they seek to buy **from the present list of items**, thus establishing a **list of buyers for each particular item.**” (Issa at [0123]). Providing a pre-existing list of items to be auctioned/purchased is not the same as “generating, **in response to** the receipt of at least one of the orders, a generic specification for at least one component” as recited in Claim 1. Claim 1 is therefore believed to be allowable.

Claims 2-20 and 23-24 depend from Claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Similar to Claim 1, Claims 22, 25, and 26 recite generating “in response to the receipt of at least one of the orders, a generic specification for at least one component.” Therefore Claims 22, 25, and 26 are believed to be allowable.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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